

REMARKS

In the present Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-2, 6-9, 21-23, 26 and 36-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). The Examiner also rejects claims 21-23 under 103(a). Finally, the Examiner indicates that claims 3-5, 10-20, 27-35 are allowed. The Applicant believes it has addressed the Examiner's objections and overcome the Examiner's rejections as discussed below.

35 U.S.C. § 103


The Examiner rejects claims 1-2, 6, 26 and 36-37 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being anticipated by Yoshio (JP 410094576A) in view of Yamasaki et al (U.S. Pat. No. 5,183,034). In response to the Examiner's §103(a) rejection, the Applicant hereby cancels claims 1-2, 6, 26 and 36-37. Likewise, the Applicant cancels claims 7-9 and 38-40 in response to the Examiner's 103(a) rejection under Yoshio/Yamasaki in view of Wu (U.S. Pat. No. 6,511,446). Finally, the Applicant cancels claims 21-23 in response to the Examiner's 103(a) rejection under Yoshio/Yamasaki and further in view of Murtonen (U.S. Pat. No. 5,113,852).

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant acknowledges that the Examiner has allowed claims 3-5, 10-20 and 27-35. The Applicant in its prior response amended the allowed claims to be independent and to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicant respectfully requests that the Application be passed to allowance with the above claims.

It is believed that no additional fees or deficiencies in fees are owed apart from the One-Month Extension of Time, for which authorization is given to charge our Deposit Account No.13-0235. However, authorization is hereby also given to charge our Deposit Account No.13-0235 in the event any additional fees are owed.

Respectfully submitted,

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